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Mockheart House
Frederick
Public

Circa 1879
Charlotte Murgardt

The Mockheart House, a two and a half story common bond brick structure, was built by Charlotte Murgardt in the early 1870's. The property on which the house is situated was purchased by Conrad Murgardt in 1869. The house was used as a private residence and farmhouse until 1835 when it was purchased by the Mayor and Aldermen of Frederick City for use as a storage area for the construction of a Water Treatment Plan on the adjoining grounds.

The principal facade of the structure is three bays wide. A recessed doorway with a wooden panelled door is located in the second bay of the structure. The remaining bays are occupied by boarded windows originally 2/2. To the rear of the structure on the east side are the visible remnants of a two story open porch. Four brick chimneys rise from the structure, two from the facade of the structure, two from the original rear addition. The structure is covered by a standing seam tin roof and rests upon a coursed, quarried stone foundation.

The Mockheart House is a significant brick farmhouse and a well proportioned example of vernacular architecture.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Mockheart House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

South Side of Gas House Pike; East Side of Disposal Plant Road

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

M 67

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒

PUBLIC

☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER: Storage**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Mayor and Alderman of Frederick City

Telephone #: 662-5161

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21701

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE.
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 411; 401

Folio #: 554; 42

STREET & NUMBER

North Court St.

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Mockheart House, a two and a half story common bond brick structure, is situated on the south side of Gas House Pike facing south.

The principal facade of the structure is three bays wide. Two bays of the three are original. A one bay brick addition or wing was added to the facade of the structure at a later date. The main entrance is located in the second bay. It consists of a wooden panelled door set in a recessed doorway. The remaining bays are occupied by windows boarded up for the most part, but 2/2 originally. The windows are crowned by plain wooden lintels and in the original wing, a row of brick headers.

A stepped brick cornice lies beneath the standing seam tin roof which covers the structure. Two brick chimneys rise from the facade of the structure. The structure rests on a coursed quarried stone foundation.

To the rear of the structure on the east side are visible the remnants of a two story open porch, now removed. Entrances are located in the second bay of the first floor and the first and fourth bays of the second story. An original brick chimney rises from the rear of the addition.

The west side of the structure is three bays wide. An entrance is located in the first bay of the first floor. The entrance now removed and boarded, is crowned by a wooden lintel. A one bay entrance porch or hood once covered the entrance.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Mockheart House, a two and a half story common bond brick structure, was built in the 1870's by Charlotte Murgardt or Merghart. The name was anglicized by later mapmakers to Mockheart. The land on which the house is situated was purchased by Conrad Murgardt from William D. and Charlotte Bowers in 1869.¹ The property passed to Charlotte Murgardt in 1871 on the death of Conrad Murgardt.² The property remained in the Murgardt family until 1885.³

The property was used as a residence and farm until 1935 when it was purchased by the Mayor and Aldermen of Frederick City for the construction of a water treatment plant.⁴ The house has been used for storage from this time to the present.

The Mockheart House is a significant brick structure, an example of well proportioned vernacular architecture.

¹Frederick County Land Records, Liber C.M. 3; Folio 667.

²Frederick County Record of Wills, Liber S.D.C. 1; Folio 158.

³Frederick County Land Records, Liber A.F. 9; Folio 672.

⁴Ibid., Liber 401; Folio 42.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Frederick County Land Records

Frederick County Record of Wills

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Deborah Sheetenhelm, Intern

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

9/24/79

STREET & NUMBER

12 E. Church St., Winchester Hall

TELEPHONE

694-1063

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

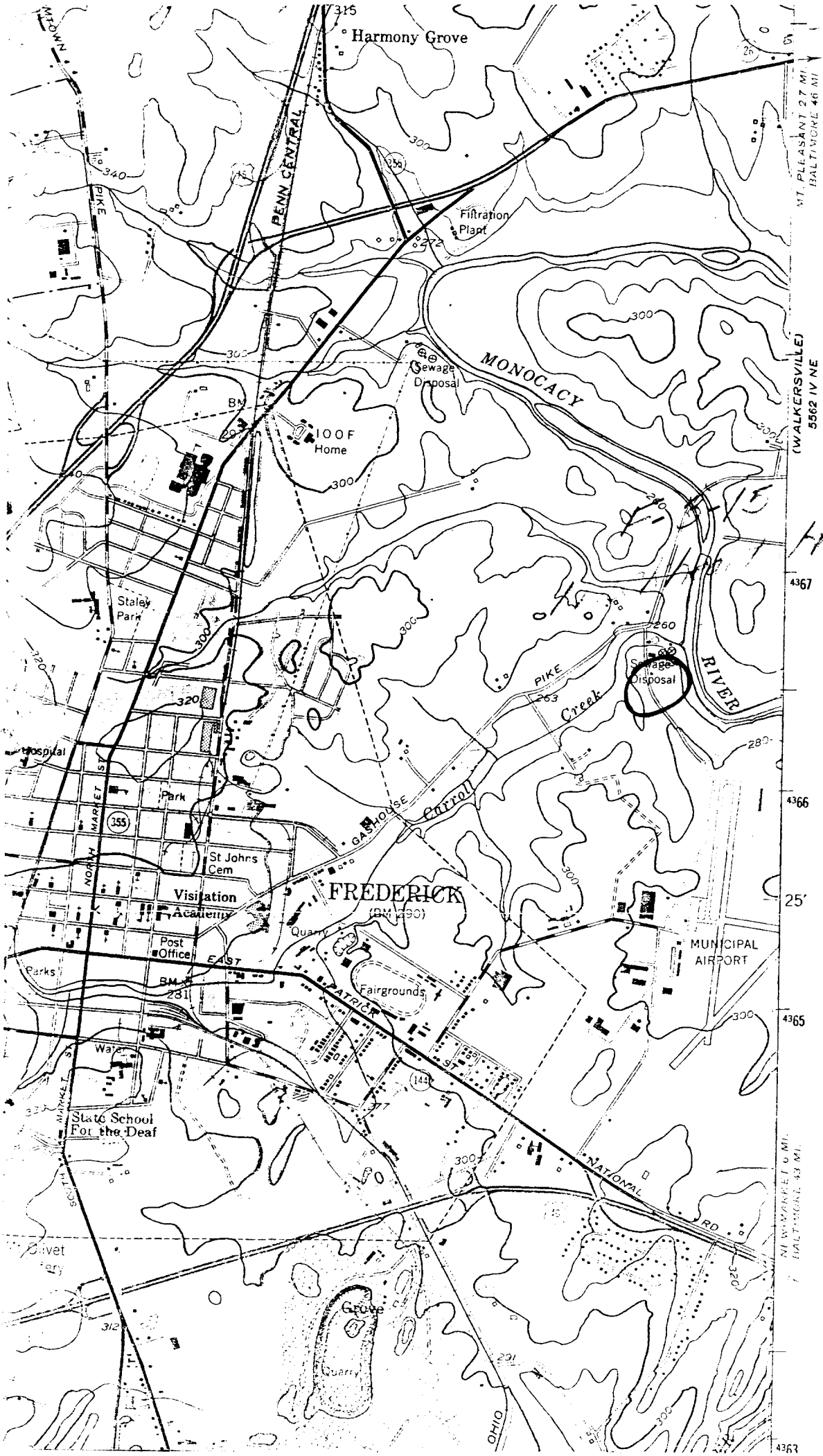
STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



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5562 IV NE

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25'

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NEW MARKET 0.1 MI.
BALTIMORE 4.3 MI.

4363



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Maxheart

House

3/5 Gas House

Pike

Southwest

elevation

DES 8/10/79



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Mockheart

House

Last iteration

5/5 Gas House

Pike

DES 8/10/19



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Mockheart Hse.

5/5 Das House

Pike

vestibulation

DES 8/10/79